stamps, envelopes, Inland letters and other items of postal stationery in the post offices of North-Eastern Region; for sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The Post Offices in North East Region are getting postage stamps and stationery regularly. But Revenue stamps which Post Offices sell on behalf of the State Government, have on occasions been out of stock at Post Offices, due to non-receipt of supply from State Treasuries.

(c) Does not arise in view of the position stated above.

Mail delivery in Bombay

4479. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of articles issued for delivery in Bombay GPO every day and how many of them are retained undelivered:

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a fall in traffic in South Bombay, including Bombay GPO: for the last several years: and

(c) whether Government would depute a team of officers for collection of statistical data with particular reference to receipt of mails in Bombay and letters issued for delivery in each of the ninety seven delivery Post Offices in Bombay City?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The number of postal articles issued for delivery in Bombay GPO is about 2.99 lakhs per day on an average. Mail received upto 10.00 A.M. is issued for delivery on the same day. Mail received after that time numbering about 80,000 postal articles on the average are retained for delivery on the following day.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There exists a system all over the country, for collection of statistics of mail. No special arrangement for Bombay is found necessary at present.

Mail generated in Bombay city

4480. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total mail generated in Bombay city per day, both incoming and outgoing:

b) whether the Chief Postmaster General of Maharashtra has stated that the mail generated in Bombay City is 44 lakh pieces of mail, per day: and

(c) if so, whether the enumeration or collection of statistics is done on the basis of any scientific data-collecting system if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Tostal mail of all categories generated in Bombay, incoming and outgoing together, is 40.6 lakhs per day on an average. This is, however, subject to day-to-day and seasonal fluctuations.

(b) No, Sir. The mail generated, that is posted, in Bombay City is 21.8 lakhs per day on an average.

(c) Yes Sir. Collection of statistics is by physical count of mail at every handling office.

Payment of telephone bills in Faridabad

4481. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that payment of telephone bills of subscribers in Faridabad is accepted in the District